



— Dairy explorers since 1949 —

**Arras, December 2, 2022 - The cooperative group Prospérité Fermière Ingredia has obtained the ISO 50001 certification for its activities of "design and development, manufacturing, packaging, marketing and shipping of functional and nutritional dairy products and ingredients".**

**Created in 1964 and located in Saint-Pol-sur-Ternoise in the Hauts-de-France region, the group's industrial tool is now specialized in the cutting-edge technologies of milk transformation into innovative ingredients for health and nutrition. The new energy management system is set up in accordance with the ISO 50001 standard, and thus, enables the structuring and perpetuation of the energy performance improvement process initiated by the group over 10 years ago.**

### **Recognition of a commitment to energy performance**

Thanks to the energy management system put in place to obtain ISO 50001 certification, Prospérité Fermière Ingredia is structuring its management of energy use and improving its productivity, while limiting its impact on the environment and preparing to comply with the Paris agreements.

Energy saving has become one of the main topics of this winter 2022/2023. However, obtaining this certification is the culmination of extensive work that started at the end of 2019 by the Prospérité Fermière Ingredia teams, and continued at all costs despite the challenges linked to the COVID-19 crisis. The deployment of this standard was identified as a priority to be integrated into its overall QSE (Quality/Safety/Environment) approach.

This standard, a holistic approach that is fully compatible with the certifications already in place in the group, is based - among other things - on a continuous improvement process called PDCA (*Plan, Do, Check, Act*). All employees have been mobilized to enter into this energy performance culture, both through the sharing of innovative ideas and the application of new procedures for monitoring energy use. The certification process has made it possible to develop internal skills, to involve stakeholders and to set up a system of indicators adapted to optimize results.

*Verbatim: "We are very proud of the achievement of this ISO 50001 certification which is the result of the work and commitment of our teams. This certification rewards the vision of anticipation of our cooperative group, a vision that we pursue every day in our choices and actions, not only on energy performance but also more broadly in our commitment to the social and territorial responsibility of our company", Sandrine Delory, Managing Director of Prospérité Fermière Ingredia.*

## **Certification in line with a long-standing CSR commitment**

Since 2020, the industrial projects chosen and launched by Prospérité Fermière Ingredia have therefore taken energy performance fully into account. Improvement targets have been set in line with the CSR strategy, corporate social responsibility, which, along with innovation, has been the two strategic pillars of the cooperative group since 2015.

In 2008, the group had already anticipated the transformations in the modes of production of its dairy ingredients by innovating to generate steam in its plant from renewable and local energy: biomass.

An economic player rooted in its territory and close to its members, Prospérité Fermière Ingredia has since continued along this path by signing a 15-year partnership with ENGIE Solutions in 2021 for the design and operation of a new 20MW biomass heating plant. The group is thus stepping up its energy transition from 63% to 85% renewable energy, while participating in the modernisation of industry in the Hauts de France and developing the wood sector, a local and renewable resource in the region.

The choice and consideration of this biomass boiler project was guided by the new ISO 50001 energy performance management system that was being implemented at the time, making it one of the pilot projects.

The foundation stone of this new high-performance industrial tool will be laid in early January 2023.

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### **Some figures :**

- *Prospérité Fermière Ingredia: 1155 members in the Hauts-de-France*
- *Milk collection: 409 million litres in 2021*
- *807 collection points (farms) within 80 km of St Pol sur Ternoise*
- *Turnover of €373m in 2021, 52% of which are from the export markets*
- *Almost 33 million litres of milk in the "grass-fed" category (Via Lacta sustainable project) collected*
- *7.5 million litres of cow's milk and 1.1 million litres of goat's milk in the organic milk category*
- *Prospérité Fermière Ingredia is certified ISO 9001 (since 1992), ISO 50001, FSSC 22000 and IFS*
- *EY 2021 Agribusiness Award for its social and environmental commitment*
- *Labelled as a Confirmed CSR Commitment and So Responsible Cooperatives according to the ISO 26000 standard since 2021*

### **ABOUT the Prospérité Fermière Ingredia Cooperative Group**

*The Prospérité Fermière cooperative was founded in 1949 and its subsidiary Ingredia was launched in 1991 to develop and produce dairy ingredients: milk powders, functional and nutritional proteins and innovative active ingredients for the agri-food, nutrition, and health industries in nearly 90 countries.*

*Prospérité Fermière Ingredia currently processes more than 400 million litres of milk per year, collected from 1140 member farmers, and has become the European leader in dairy ingredients and the 3rd largest player in the world in speciality proteins. Established on 5 continents, Prospérité Fermière Ingredia has 470 employees.*

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